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For: POWER TRANSMISSION DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Office Action dated September 28, 2004 has been received and carefully noted.

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of September 28, 2004, contained an election of species requirement, wherein applicants were required to elect to prosecute one of the following species which were allegedly disclosed in the application. The species were identified as follows:

Species I, illustrated in Figures 1-4;

Species II, illustrated in Figures 5-7;

Species III, illustrated in Figures 8-11;

Species IV, illustrated in Figures 12-15; and

Species V, illustrated in Figures 16-19.

It was indicated in the Official Action that claim 1 is generic.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Species I, illustrated in Figure 1-4. Applicants submit that all of claims 1-45 are directed to the subject matter of Species I. As will be discussed below, however, applicants respectfully submit that all of the illustrated species are a same invention, and that all of the claims are directed to the subject matter of all of the species.

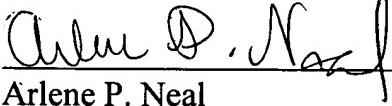
In the present application, a power transmission device includes an input shaft, an output shaft, a first internally meshing planetary gear mechanism which is a first power transmitting mechanism and a second internally meshing planetary gear mechanism which is a second power transmitting mechanism. The power transmission device can transmit power inputted from the input shaft to a mating apparatus through the first and second internally meshing planetary gear mechanisms and the output shaft. Figures 2 and 3 show the first and second internally meshing planetary gear mechanisms respectively. Figure 4 illustrates an embodiment in which the power transmission device is applied to the wheel driving of a traveling truck. Figures 5-7 illustrate a sectional view of the power transmission device according to another embodiment of the invention. Figures 8-11 illustrate a sectional view of the power transmission device according to still another embodiment of the invention. Figures 12-15 illustrate a sectional view of the power transmission device according to another embodiment of the invention. Figures 16-19 illustrate a sectional view of the power

transmission device according to another embodiment of the invention. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that all of Figures 5-19 are directed to different configurations of a same invention, and applicants further submit that claims 1-45 are drafted so as to cover all of these configurations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the election of species requirement be removed, that Figures 5-19 be considered to disclose a single invention and that claims 1-45 be examined on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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